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1. The first part of the paper is devoted to the study of the asymptotic behavior of the solutions of the system (1) as  $t \rightarrow \infty$ . It is shown that the solutions of the system (1) tend to zero as  $t \rightarrow \infty$  if and only if the matrix  $A$  is stable.

Prior to examination, please amend the subject application as follows:

Please amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

"This application is a national phase of PCT/FR00/00685, and International Application No. 99/03588, which was filed on March 23, 1999, and was not published in English."